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DAHLGREN, VA. (AP) -- SECURITY PROCEDURES AT THE NAVAL SURFACE WEAPONS CENTER HERE HAVE NOT BEEN TIGHTENED SINCE REPORTS SURFACED OF A POSSIBLE SOVIET SECRET AGENT AT THE BASE, A SPOKESMAN SAID TUESDAY.

DAHLGREN EMPLOYEES WERE GIVEN A SECURITY BRIEFING LAST WEEK AND ASKED TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR A SPY AT THE CENTER, WHERE MANY CLASSIFIED PROJECTS ARE HANDLED.

BUT THE ONLY CHANGE SINCE THE FBI LEARNED OF SOVIET INTEREST IN THE INSTALLATION HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM, ACCORDING TO SPOKESMAN AMOS CLARY.

PERSONNEL AT THE CENTER "FELT THAT SECURITY WAS OK FROM THE STANDPOINT OF PROCEDURES" AND DID NOT NEED CHANGING, CLARY SAID.

"WE HAVE AN OUTSTANDING SECURITY FORCE AND SECURITY PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES," CLARY SAID.

THE SPY REPORT STEMMED FROM THE ARREST OF A SOVIET KGB COLONEL, IDENTIFIED AS RUDOLPH HERRMANN, WHO WAS ASSIGNED BY THE SOVIETS TO SELECT FIVE "DEAD DROPS," OR HIDING PLACES, FOR SECRET MESSAGES NEAR THE BASE, THE FBI SAID.

THE FBI SAID IT IDENTIFIED HERRMANN AS A SOVIET AGENT AND "DOUBLED" HIM, OR KEPT HIM FEEDING INFORMATION TO THE RUSSIANS WHILE HE WAS ACTUALLY WORKING FOR THE FBI.

A TEAM OF FBI AGENTS KEPT SURVEILLANCE ON THE FIVE DEAD DROPS IN KING GEORGE COUNTY FOR THREE MONTHS, BUT NO ONE EVER SHOWED UP TO PLACE INFORMATION THERE, SOURCES SAID.

DAHLGREN ACTIVITIES THAT COULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE SOVIETS INCLUDE WORK ON MISSILE GUIDANCE SYSTEMS, THE TRIDENT NUCLEAR-ARMED SUBMARINE, NAVAL GUNS AND BALLISTICS, ELECTRONIC WARFARE SYSTEMS, AND SATELLITE SURVEILLANCE.

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FBI AND DAHLGREN SECURITY PERSONNEL HAVE BRIEFED ABOUT 700 EMPLOYEES AT THE BASE, TELLING THEM TO WATCH FOR INDICATORS OF ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY, SUCH AS LIVING BEYOND ONE'S MEANS, TAKING PERIODIC TRIPS TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, OR ASKING TO SEE CLASSIFIED MATERIAL WITHOUT A NEED TO KNOW THE INFORMATION FOR WORK REASONS.

THE FBI WOULD NOT SAY WHETHER HERRMANN KNEW THE IDENTITY OF A SOVIET AGENT AT DAHLGREN, THOUGH THAT IS CONSIDERED UNLIKELY.

ACCORDING TO THE FBI, HERRMANN WAS A SPY IN WEST GERMANY AND CANADA BEFORE COMING TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1968 WITH HIS WIFE AND TEEN-AGE SON.

UNDER THE KGB COVER NAME DOUGLAS, HERRMANN RECEIVED INTELLIGENCE ASSIGNMENTS BY CODED RADIO MESSAGE, THE FBI SAID, INCLUDING SERVING OTHER SOVIET AGENTS AND LOCATING HIDDEN PLACES FOR USE IN INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS.

APART FROM HIS ASSIGNMENT TO GO TO DAHLGREN AND SELECT THE DEAD DROPS, HERRMANN ALSO TRAVELED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ON ORDERS FROM THE KGB, THE FBI SAID.

HE WAS GIVEN A NEW IDENTITY AND THE OPERATION WAS DISCONTINUED BECAUSE OF AMERICAN FEARS THAT THE KGB SUSPECTED HE MIGHT BE WORKING WITH U.S. INTELLIGENCE, THE FBI SAID.

FBI SPOKESMAN WILEY THOMPSON SAID THE BUREAU IS "PURSUING ADDITIONAL LEADS DEVELOPED FROM HERRMANN'S INFORMATION."  
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